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Further information on UA 80/96 (AMR 18/02/96, 21 March 1996) - Prisoner of Conscience / Legal Concern

BOLIVIA Manuel MORALES DÁVILA, lawyer, aged 65

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On 16 April 1996, Manuel Morales Dávila was released on bail of 13,000 *bolivianos* after being held for 40 days in San Pedro prison in La Paz.

Amnesty International remains concerned about the legal procedures regarding this case. The organization has received reports that there have been moves from government representatives to annul Manuel Morales Dávila's conditional release, rearrest him and to increase the security measures under which he would be detained by sending him to a high security prison in Chonchocoro.

Manuel Morales Dávila is 65 years old. Under bail regulations concerning age, he should not be returned to prison.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or in your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Manuel Morales Dávila, but calling for it to be made unconditional as he was a prisoner of conscience;
- asking for information as to the reasons why legal proceedings may be continued against him;
- expressing concern about reports indicating that his provisional release might be annulled and that he might be rearrested and confined to the high security prison in Chonchocoro;
- expressing concern that these reports indicate a lack of judicial independence, and calling for the judicial decision to be respected at all levels.

**APPEALS TO:**

President

Excmo Sr. Presidente  
Lic. Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada  
Palacio de Gobierno  
La Paz, Bolivia

**Telegrams: Excmo. Sr. Presidente, La Paz, Bolivia**

**Faxes: +5912 391216 (if voice, ask "me puede dar tono de fax, por favor")**

**Salutation: Mr President/Señor Presidente**

Minister of Government

Sr. Ministro de Gobierno  
Dr. Carlos Sánchez Berzaín  
Av. Arce esq. Belisario Salinas  
La Paz, Bolivia

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**Salutation: Dear Minister/Señor Ministro**

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La Paz, Bolivia

and to diplomatic representatives of Bolivia accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 10 June 1996.